

ENCOUNTER 2002 EXPEDITION TO THE ISLES OF ST FRANCIS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA: ANNOTATED LIST OF SHALLOW WATER HYDROIDS WITH DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF *CAMPANULARIA*

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Summary

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Forty-five species including one new species are recorded. The hydroid fauna of shallow coastal reef surrounding St Francis Island to a depth of 25 m is predominantly cryptic due to exposure to wave action and mechanical abrasion from algal stripes in the thick algal forest and grazing by fish. Favoured substrates are small red algal species, the brown fucoid *Sargassum*, the solitary ascidian *Herdmania monura*, sponges and seagrasses. Larger aglaophenid species and *Salpularia fusca* were epilithic, growing in sheltered cavems and on rock walls. Fifty eight percent of the hydroids recorded are endemic to Australia, 30% have a southern hemisphere distribution and 9% are cosmopolitan.

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Introduction

Hydroids were collected at St Francis Island in the Nyits Archipelago (32° 30' S, 133° 17' 24" E) in the Great Australian Bight, 40 nautical miles south of the Australian mainland. The expedition was part of "Encounter 2002" celebrating the meeting in April 1802 in South Australia of the British cartographer and explorer, Matthew Flinders R.N. in H.M.S. *Investigator* and the French scientist-explorer Nicholas Baudin, commanding the *Geographe* and *Naturaliste* (Robinson *et al.* 2003).

During the 10 days of the expedition in February 2002, hydroids were collected from the northern and western coasts of St Francis Island and from two smaller adjacent islands to depths of 28 m by the author using SCUBA, and from two dredgings in deeper water.

The rocky coast of St Francis Island slopes steeply from high water mark to a sandy bottom at 10 - 28 m depth according to site. The sublittoral reef consists of large blocky boulders with vertical faces, small caverns and some larger caves. The reefs are exposed to long-fetch southern ocean swells and heavy wind-generated seas and support an abundant algal flora dominated by large brown kelps and fucoids with an understorey of red algal species (Shepherd & Womersley 1976). The sandy bed out from the reef is colonised mainly by the seagrasses, *Posidonia* spp and *Amphibolis* spp.

Of the 45 species recorded, one species is new and three could not be confidently identified to species.

Because of the similarity of the hydroid fauna of St Francis Island to that of Pearson Island in the eastern Great Australian Bight (see Watson 1973) most species are listed with a brief synonymy and pertinent remarks. Voucher and type material are lodged in the South Australian Museum (SAM II) and Museum of Victoria (MV F).

Methods

With the exception of two dredgings (27 m and 37 m deep, see locality data) all material was collected by the author using SCUBA. Where possible, specimens were photographed *in situ* before removal from the substrate. Specimens were preserved in 10% formalin on board boat. In the laboratory material was sorted under stereo-microscope preparatory to identification to species. Specimens needing more detailed examination were prepared as permanent microslide mounts in malmol.

Systematic Account

Anthoathecinae

Tubulariidae Allman, 1864

Ralpharia magnifica Watson, 1980

Ralpharia magnifica Watson, 1980: 54, figs 1-24.

Specimens examined

SAM II131, depth 5 - 17 m, coll. J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Sparse fertile colonies, each consisting of a few scattered hydrocauli growing in crevices protected from surge. Stems to 70 mm high, living hydranth to 15 mm across extended aboral tentacles. Colonies in

an obligatory association with an alcyonacean encrusting the hydrorhiza and hydrocaulus. Re-examination of a hydroid from Pearson Island, held in the Museum of Victoria, identified as *Tubularia huryna* (Ellis & Solander, 1786) by Watson (1973) shows the material to be a small specimen of *Ralpharia magnifica*.

Distribution

Endemic to southern Australia.

Ludendriidae Ehrenberg, 1834

Eudendrium currumbense Watson, 1985

Eudendrium currumbense Watson, 1985: 209, figs 80-83.

Specimens examined

SAM 111332, depths 5 m and 27 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Several small infertile colonies growing on sponge and the solitary ascidian *Herdmania monora* in sheltered caverns. Largest colony 30 mm high and lightly fascicled, other colonies shorter and monosiphonic. Cnidome consisting of undischarged microbasic euryteles and heteromemes similar to those of *Eudendrium currumbense*. While the more robust habit and fasciculation of one of the colonies suggest it is most likely *E. currumbense*, it may possibly be a similar species, *Eudendrium aylingae* Watson, 1980.

Distribution

If the identity is correct, this is the first record of *E. currumbense* from southern Australia. Previously known only from southern Queensland (Watson 1980; 2002).

Solanderidae Marshall, 1892

Solanderia fusca (Gray, 1868)

Ceratella fusca Gray, 1868: 579, fig. 2. - Bale, 1884: 48. - Von Lendenfeld, 1885: 612, 631. - Brazier, 1887: 575. - Bale, 1888: 745, 748. - Whitelegge, 1889: 192. - Spencer, 1892: 8, 20, pls 2, 3, 3a. - Hickson, 1903: 113-115. - Hartlaub, 1905: 515. - Vervoort, 1962: 532. - *Solanderia fusca* - Jüderholm, 1896: 6. - Stechow, 1909: 41. - Briggs, 1918: 33. - Pennycuik, 1959: 159. - Vervoort, 1962: 532. - Vervoort, 1966: 387. - Watson & Utjnomi, 1971: 19, pl. 8. - Watson, 1973: 159. - Watson, 1982: 86, fig. 46d, pl. 8.1. - Bouillon *et al.*, 1992: 7. - Watson, 1996: 78.

Specimens examined

SAM 111333, depth 10 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Fan-shaped colony 200 mm high and 100 mm wide, growing on rock wall. Capitate tentacles emerging from trabeculate skeletal meshwork. Colony abundantly fertile, gonophores borne on a short naked pedicel emerging from meshwork; gonophores spherical, with a small apical pad armed with nematoctysts; sex of gonophores indeterminate. Perisarc honey brown, hydranths and gonophores white. Common in sheltered crevices and caverns at St Francis I. and in southern Australian oceanic shelf waters generally (Watson pers. obs.).

Distribution

Temperate and cool temperate Australia.

Leptothecatae

Lafoeidae A. Agassiz, 1865

Filellum antarcticum (Hartlaub, 1904)

Reticularia antarctica - Totton, 1930: 160, fig. 17. - Briggs, 1939: 26. - Watson, 1973: 163. - *Filellum antarcticum* - Stechow, 1925: 214. - Nannov & Stepanjants, 1962: 74. - Millard, 1975: 177, fig. 58G-H. - Stepanjants, 1979: 49, pl. 8 fig. 7. - El Beshbeeshy, 1991: 74, fig. 16. - Blanco, 1991: 189. - Watson, 1996: 78. - Genzano & Zamponi, 1997: 290. - Peña Cantero *et al.*, 1998: 300.

Specimens examined

SAM 111337, depth 3 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Two small, infertile colonies creeping on lower stems of aglaophemid hydroid. Colour of hydranths, yellow.

Distribution

Southern Australia and southern hemisphere generally.

Haleciidae Hincks, 1868

Hydrodendron armatum (Stechow, 1925)

Phlyctathera armata - Stechow, 1925: 204, fig. C. - Blackburn, 1938: 323. - Blackburn, 1942: 106. - Hodgson, 1950: 17, fig. 31. - Watson, 1973: 166. - Watson, 1975: 164, fig. 19. - Harris, 1990: 247, fig. 11.4a.

Ophiodissa armata - Totton, 1930: 142, fig. 2b.

Diplocrathus armata - Leloup, 1940: 5

Ophiodissus armatus - Stepanjants, 1979: 110, pl. 21 figs. 2A-B.

Hydrodendron armata - Ralph, 1958: 341, fig. 13d-i, 14b-d. - Rio & Park, 1983: 42, pl. 2, figs 4-5, pl. 3, figs 1-2. - Park, 1990: 77.

Hydrodendron armatum - Rees & Vervoort, 1987:
21. - Watson, 1994: 66. - Watson, 1996: 78. - Watson,
1997: 517.

Specimens examined

SAM H11334, depth 37 m, dredge, coll: J.E.
Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

A small infertile colony on thallus of the brown
alga *Sargassum*. The species is easily recognisable
by its wide, flat hydrorhiza with strong internal
flexion joints.

Distribution

Southern Australia.

Hydrodendron australe (Bale, 1919)

Ophiodes australis Bale, 1919: 336, pl. 16 fig. 1. -
Watson, 1973: 165. - Watson, 1982: 1; 94, fig. 4.8a-e,
pl. 8.6. - Ralph, 1958: 344. - Rees & Vervoort,
1987: 21. Stranks, 1993: 6. - Watson, 1994: 66. -
Watson, 1996: 78. - Watson, 1997: 517.

Specimens examined

SAM H11335, depth 9 - 27 m, coll: J.E. Watson,
Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Abundant infertile colonies consisting of many
stems to 40 mm long on sponges and on the ascidian
Herdmania momus in sheltered caverns and in the
open in deeper water. Many strongly fascicled stems
arise from a matted hydrorhiza. The species is easily
recognised by its greyish-black hydranths, due to
zooxanthellae in the base of the tentacles and
distributed throughout the coenostome. *H. australe*
was the most widely distributed and abundant
species at St Francis Is.

Distribution

Southern Australia.

Hydrodendron daidahnum (Watson, 1969)

Scorelina daidahna Watson, 1969: 112, figs 1-7, pl
1. - Watson, 1979: 234. - Watson, 1982: 92, fig. 4.7
- Stranks, 1993: 6.

Hydrodendron daidahnum - Rees & Vervoort, 1987.
22. - Watson 2002: 340, fig. 1E.

Specimens examined

SAM H11336, depth 27 m (dredge), coll: J.E.
Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Infertile colony creeping on the small brown alga
Zonaria crenata. *Hydrodendron daidahnum* is an
obligate epiphyte of *Z. crenata* (Watson 1969).

Distribution

South Australia (type locality) and Australian east
coast to southern Queensland (Watson 2002).

Halecum deltoatum Coughtry, 1876

Halecum delicatulum Coughtry, 1876a: 26, pl. 3,
figs 4-5. - Bale, 1924: 235. - Ralph, 1958: 334, figs
11e, h-n, 12 a-p. - Pennycuick, 1959: 173. - Ralph,
1966: 158. - Vervoot, 1972: 27, figs 4-5. - Watson,
1973: 166. - Leloup, 1974: 10. - Millard, 1975: 145,
fig. 471-1. - Watson, 1975: 159. - Millard, 1978:
193. - Watson, 1979: 234. - Watson, 1982: 94, fig.
4.8d-f. - Hirohito, 1983: 5, 11. - Rho & Park, 1983:
41, pl. 2 figs 1-3. - Rees & Vervoort, 1987: 25, fig. 5.-
Roca, 1987: 209. - Staples & Watson, 218. - Gili
Vervoot & Pagès, 1989: 78, fig. 7B. - Genzano,
1990: 38, figs 2-5. - Park, 1991: 544. - Peña Cantero,
1991: 44, pl. 1. - Genzano & Zamponi, 1992: 40, fig.
17. - Park, 1992: 286. - Ramil & Vervoot, 1992: 82,
fig. 20a-e. - Blanco, 1994: 186. - Watson, 1994: 66.
- Hirohito, 1995: 20, fig. 5a-e, pl. 1 fig. C. - Migotto,
1996: 30, 122, fig. 6d-e. - Peña Cantero & Garela
Carrascosa, 1996: 9, fig. 1A-D. - Watson, 1996: 78.
- Watson, 1997: 513. - Medel et al., 1998: 31, fig. 1.
- Medel & Vervoot, 2000: 12.

Specimens examined

SAM H11364, depth 10 m and 37 m (dredge), coll:
J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Small colonies, some fertile, on *Sargassum*
holdfasts, algal fragments, small sponges, the
ascidian *Herdmania momus* and on lower stems of
Gymnangium. Stems short, to 5 mm long,
unfascicled; male gonothecae borne on hydrorhizae
and hydrocauli.

Distribution

Circumglobal in tropical and temperate waters
(Watson 1997)

Halecum sp.

Fig. 1A-D

Specimens examined

SAM H11365, depth 27 m (dredge) coll: J.E.
Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Description

A small female colony of a few scattered stems

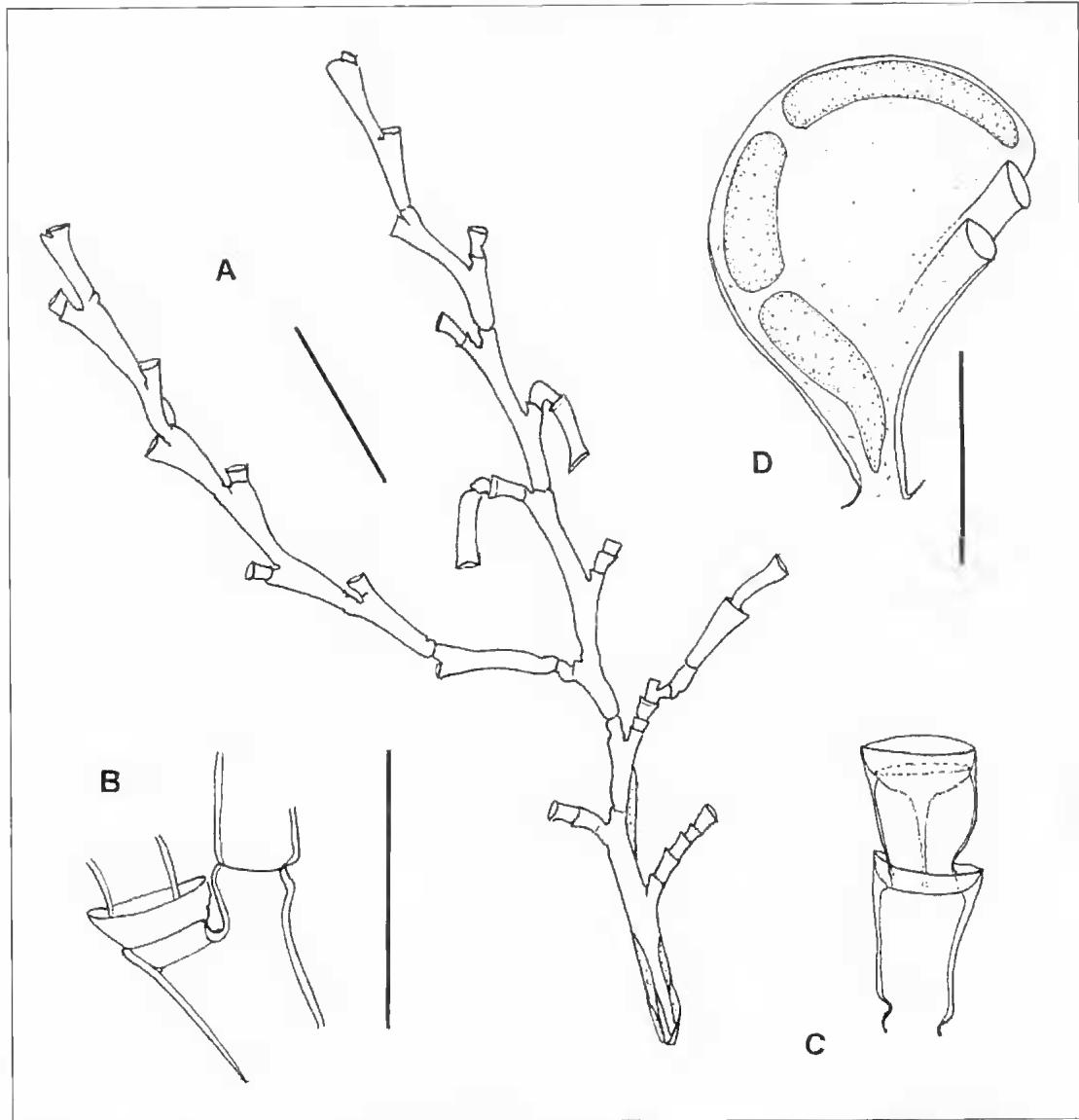


Fig. 1. A-D. *Halecium* sp. A, lightly fasciated stem from colony. B, part of stem internode showing node and primary hydrophore. C, second hydrophore of linear series showing saucer-shaped hydrothecal diaphragm and desmocytes. D, gonotheca, probably immature. Scale bars: A, 1 mm; B, C, 0.3 mm; D, 0.5 mm.

arising from a hydrorhiza creeping on a red alga. Tallest stem c. 5 mm high, sparsely branched, lightly fasciated by two supplementary tubes extending for a short distance above base; other stems shorter, monosiphonic, unbranched. Stem internodes fairly long, smooth, expanding distally to hydrophore; nodes faint to distinct, almost transverse to oblique, just above level and sloping away from primary hydrophore, a timesence in perisarc above and below node. Primary hydrophore adpressed to but not adnate to internode, some hydrophores in a linear

series of up to five, each arising from diaphragm of preceding hydrotheca. Secondary hydrophores forming basis of branches, given off almost perpendicularly on a short internode below hydrotheca of primary hydrophore. Hydrotheca fairly shallow, expanding a little from diaphragm to margin; margin circular, not everted. Diaphragm saucer-shaped in youngest hydrothecae, invisible in others, a ring of desmocytes above, a distinct thickening of hydrothecal wall at junction of diaphragm with wall.

Hydranth robust, with 20 - 24 tentacles set with large nematoecysts (none discharged).

Female gonothecae balloon-shaped, laterally flattened, arising without true pedicel from within hydrophores on lower stem; gonotheca with two upward-facing hydrothecae each with a fully formed hydranth at about two thirds distance up body of gonotheca. One gonotheca containing a row of sausage-shaped gonophores around the periphery containing ova and one mature gonophore containing a single spherical ovum. Gonothecal aperture obscured.

Perisarc of lower stems and branches moderately thick, thinning on distal internodes; perisarc of gonothecae fairly thick, smooth. Colonies white (preserved material).

Measurements (μm)

Stem	
length of internode	435 - 553
width at node	70 - 98
Hydrotheca	
diameter at margin	129 - 144
diameter at diaphragm	109 - 125
depth, diaphragm to margin	55 - 59
Gonotheca	
height including pedicel	901 - 1078
diameter	588 - 666

Remarks

A small infertile colony reported by Watson (1997) as *Haleciatum nanum* Alder, 1859 from the Abrolhos Islands, Western Australia, is identical in morphology and critical dimensions with the present specimen, the only difference being fewer secondary branches in the Abrolhos specimen. As the gonotheca of the present specimen is quite different from that of *H. nanum*, neither the Abrolhos material nor the present specimen can be that species. Unfortunately, one of the two gonothecae present in the sample is immature and the apertural neck of the other is damaged. While probably an undescribed species, accurate diagnosis must await the finding of further undamaged fertile material.

Sertulariidae Lamouroux, 1812

Stereotheca elongata (Lamouroux, 1816)

Sertularia elongata Lamouroux, 1816: 189, pl. 5, Bale, 1884: 75, pl. 6, figs 7, 8, pl. 19, fig. 7. - Bale, 1915: 277. Hodgson, 1950: 23, figs 38, 39.

Stereotheca elongata - Stechow, 1923: 203. - Bale, 1924: 252. - Stechow, 1925: 231. - Treblecock, 1928: 23. - Blackburn, 1937: 368. - Blackburn, 1938: 320. - Blackburn, 1942: 112. - Ralph, 1961: 763, fig. 4e-k. - Ralph, 1961: 109. - Rees & Thursfield, 1965: 144. - Ralph, 1966: 159. - Shepherd & Watson, 1970: 140. - Millard, 1975: 313, fig. 101D, E. - Watson, 1975:

166. - Watson, 1982: 96, fig. 4.8i, pl. 9.1. - Staples & Watson, 1987: 218. - Watson, 1992: 220. - Watson, 1994: 67. - Watson, 1996: 78.

Specimens examined

SAM H1338 depths 18 m and 27 m (dredge), coll. J.F. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Stereotheca elongata was also noted at shallower depths epiphytic on a variety of substrates, namely the ascidian *Herdmania momus*, algae and seagrass stems. In shallower water habitats the stems of the hydroid are quite short, honey brown in colour and lack the investment of red coralline alga often associated with this species. A single large colony with stems 200 mm long was recovered from the dredgings. The stems of this colony were grey-brown in colour and infested by a white bryozoan. *S. elongata* is a strong, wiry species able to withstand considerable water movement.

Distribution

Southern Australia, New Zealand, South Africa.

Thysoclyphus macrocytharus (Lamouroux, 1824)

Clytia macrocytharus Lamouroux, 1824: 647. - Lamarek, 1837: 199.

Companularia marginata Bale, 1884: 54. - Bale, 1888: 758. - Bartlett, 1907: 62.

Laomedea marginata - Von Lendenfeld, 1885: 404.

Thysoclyphus marginatus - Bale, 1914: 91. - Bale, 1915: 245, 258. - Stechow, 1924: 69. - Stechow, 1925: 217. - Blackburn, 1942: 112. - Watson, 1973: 169.

Thysoclyphus halei Calder, 1983: 16. - Watson, 1992: 220.

Thysoclyphus macrocytharus - Watson, 1994: 156. - Watson, 1996: 78. - Watson, 1997: 517. Watson 2000: 37, fig. 29A.

Specimen examined

SAM H1339, depth 27 m (dredge), coll. J.F. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

A small infertile colony on the ascidian *Herdmania momus*.

Distribution

Southern and tropical Australia.

Parascyphus simplex (Lamouroux, 1816)

Laomedea simplex Lamouroux, 1816: 207.

Thysoclyphus simplex - Briggs, 1914: 286, 288. - Bale, 1915: 245. - Bale, 1924: 236. - Treblecock, 1928: 8. - Blackburn, 1937: 364. - Hodgson, 1950: 10, fig. 22.

- Complanularia tridentata* - Bartlett, 1907: 42.
Paracyciphyus simplex - Ritchie, 1911: 160, fig. 1.-
 Stechow, 1925: 224.- Totton, 1930: 179, fig. 29a-b.-
 Blackburn, 1938: 321.- Blackburn, 1942: 112.-
 Ralph, 1961: 755, fig. 1b.- Rees & Thursfield, 1965:
 117.- Millard, 1966: 491.- Watson, 1973: 169.-
 Millard, 1975: 270, fig. 89A-B.- Stepanjants, 1979:
 60, pl. 10, fig. 4.- Blanco, 1994: 198.- Watson,
 1994: 67.- Watson, 1996: 78.

Specimens examined.

SAM H1340, depth 27 m, 37 m (dredge), coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Many small colonies on coralline algae and *Sargassum* thalli; some colonies fertile. Gonothecae large, ovoid, borne on a short pedicel on lower stem, some with acrocysts containing three large yellow ova.

Distribution

Southern Australia, New Zealand, South Atlantic, South Africa.

Dynamena quadridentata (Ellis & Solander, 1786)

- Sertularia quadridentata* Ellis & Solander, 1786: 57, pl. 5 figs. g, G.- Lamarek, 1816: 121. *Dynamena quadridentata* - Billard, 1925: 194, 222, fig. 42.- Treblecock, 1928: 23.- Blackburn, 1938: 320.- Blackburn, 1942: 113.- Vervoort, 1946: 308.- Pennycuik, 1959: 193.- Ralph, 1961: 790, fig. 13e.- Mammen, 1965: 49, fig. 83.- Ralph, 1966: 159.- Vervoort, 1968: 41, 103, fig. 19.- Hirohito, 1969: 20, fig. 14.- Shepherd & Watson, 1970: 140.- Millard & Bouillon, 1974: 8.- Millard, 1975: 266, fig. 87G-J.- Calder, 1983: 11, fig. 3.- Hirohito, 1983: 40.- Calder, 1991: 96, fig. 51.- Calder, 1993: 68.- Vervoort, 1993: 108.- Calder, 1995: 543.- Hirohito, 1995: 176, fig. 57a-e.- Migotto, 1996: 64, 122, fig. 12f-g.- Watson, 1996: 78.- Watson, 1997: 520, fig. 5C.- Watson, 2000: 15, fig. 10C-E.- Watson, 2002: 341, fig. 2C-E.

Dynamena (Pasya) quadridentata - Stechow, 1925: 223.

Pasya quadridentata - Stechow, 1922: 148.- Stechow, 1923: 166.- Fraser, 1948: 239.

Pasythea (Sertularia) quadridentata - Lamouroux, 1812: 183.

Pasythea quadridentata - Lamouroux, 1816, 156, pl. 3 fig. 8a, B.- Whitelegge, 1889: 193.- Nutting, 1927: 226.- Gravier-Bonnet, 1999: 83.

Dynamena gibbosa Billard, 1924: 650, fig. 2G.

Pasythea dubia Hargitt, 1927: 511, pl. 1 fig. 5.

Dynamena dubia - Yamada, 1959: 58.

Dynamena thankasseriensis Mammen, 1965: 48, fig. 82.

Specimens examined

SAM H1341, depth 37 m (dredge), coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Infertile colony on flexuous bryozoan and small brown alga.

Distribution

Circumglobal in tropical and warm temperate waters. Tropical to temperate Australia.

Symplectoscyphus subdichotomus (Kirchenpauer, 1884)

Sertularia subdichotoma Kirchenpauer, 1884: 46, pl. 16, figs 1, 1a, 1b.- Jäderholm, 1920: 6.- Jäderholm, 1926: 6.- Totton, 1930: 188.- Vervoort, 1946: 314, fig. 5.

Symplectoscyphus subdichotomus. - Stechow, 1922: 149.- Stechow, 1923: 173.- Ralph, 1961: 843, fig. 20a-b.- Ralph, 1966: 159.- Vervoort, 1972: 140, figs. 44b-d, 45.- Watson, 1973: 175.- Millard, 1977: 37, fig. 11D-F.- Watson, 1982: 99, fig. 4.9i, j, pl. 11.2.- Hirohito, 1983: 53, fig. 25.- Staples & Watson, 1987: 218.- Vervoort, 1993: 241.- Blanco, 1994: 205.- Watson, 1994: 67.- Hirohito, 1995: 222.- Watson, 1996: 78.- Peña-Cantero & García-Carrascosa, 1999: 212.

Sertularia divaricata var. *subdichotoma*.- Jäderholm, 1917: 9.

Specimens examined

SAM H1342, depth 21 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Small infertile colonies on vertical surfaces and on thallus of coarse-textured red alga. Stems to 20 mm high, monosiphonic, branched, but without true main stem; anastomoses issuing from apertures of hydrothecae on branches.

While the present specimen is referred to *Symplectoscyphus subdichotomus*, the taxonomic status of the various species comprising the *Symplectoscyphus johnstoni* - *Symplectoscyphus divaricatus* group in southern Australia is in need of critical review.

Distribution

Known with certainty from southern Australia and New Zealand. Other records doubtful.

Symplectoscyphus epizoicus Watson, 1973

Symplectoscyphus epizooticus Watson, 1973: 177, figs 31-33.- Stranks, 1993: 15.- Vervoort, 1993: 239.- Watson, 1994: 67.

Specimen examined

SAM II1343, depth 9 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb, 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Two small infertile stems on hydrocladiate part of stem of *Gymnangium* in cavern. The species is an obligate epizoote of aglaophenid hydroids.

Distribution

Southern Australia.

Sertularella avrilla Watson, 1973

Sertularella avrilla Watson, 1973: 172, figs. 24, 25.- Vervoort, 1993: 189.- Stranks, 1993: 15.- Watson, 1996: 78,

Specimen examined

SAM II1344, depth 9 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb, 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

A very small infertile colony on stipe of the brown alga *Sargassum*. The outwardly bent distal end of the hydrotheca is characteristic of the species.

Distribution

Southern Australia.

Sertularella pinnata (Lamouroux, 1816)

Caberea pinnata Lamouroux, 1816: 130.- Lamouroux, 1824: 56.

Thunaria lata Bale, 1882: 26, pl. 13, fig. 2.- Bale, 1884: 120, pl. 7, fig. 4.

Sertularella lata - Bale, 1915: 287.- 1919: 337, pl. 16, fig. 5.- Blackburn, 1942: 115;

Sertularella pinnata - Gordon et al., 1998: 413, fig. 6.

Specimen examined

SAM II1371, depth 11 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb, 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

A fertile epilithic colony in a sheltered cavern. Colony comprising several heavily fascicled, pinnately branched stems to 120 mm high, growing from a common base. This deep water species often attains large size; the present record from shallow water is probably due to the sheltered habitat. *S. pinnata* is recognisable by its orange colour, large recumbent barrel-shaped gonothecae and rather brittle, easily shed hydrocladia. The species was originally described as a bryozoan *Caberea pinnata* from apparently dried material by Lamouroux

(1816); its identity as a hydroid was established by rediscovery of the lost type by Gordon et al. (1998).

Distribution

Southern Australia.

Sertularella robusta Coughtrey, 1876

Sertularella robusta Coughtrey, 1876b: 300.- Stechow, 1913: 14.- Bale, 1924: 240.- Jäderholm, 1926: 4, fig. 3.- Trebilecock, 1928: 16, pl. 6, figs 3-3c.- Totton, 1930: 105.- Blackburn, 1937: 171, fig. 1.- Blackburn, 1938: 320.- Blackburn, 1942: 115.- Hodgson, 1950: 33, fig. 58.- Pennycuik, 1959: 195, pl. 6, fig. 3.- Ralph, 1961: 824, fig. 22a-d.- Ralph, 1961: 109.- Ralph, 1961: 236.- Ralph, 1966: 159.- Shepherd & Watson, 1970: 140.- Vervoort, 1972: 129, figs 40, 41a.- Watson, 1973: 171, fig. 21.- Watson, 1975: 166, figs 23-24.- Vervoort & Vasseur, 1977: 40, figs 18-22.- Watson, 1982: 100, fig. 4.10d, pl. 11.4.- Hirohito, 1983: 46, fig. 19.- Park, 1992: 292.- Vervoort, 1993: 192.- Watson, 1994: 67.- Hirohito, 1995: 200, fig. 65c, f.- Watson, 1996: 78.- Watson & McInnes, 1999: 111.

Sertularella robusta var. *quasiplana* Trebilecock, 1928: 18, pl. 6, figs 4, 4a.

Sertularella microgona Von Lendenfeld, 1885: 416, pl. 7, figs 1-3.

Sertularella angulosa Bale, 1894: 102, pl. 4, fig. 6.- Stranks, 1993: 6: 14.

Specimens examined

SAM II1345 depth, 16-27 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb, 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Small colonies usually consisting of a few short, infertile stems on the ascidian *Herdmania nomus*, bryozoans and thalli of *Sargassum*.

Distribution

New Zealand, South Pacific, New Zealand, Japan. Very common in southern Australia.

Amphisbetia minima (Thompson, 1879)

Sertularia minima - Thompson, 1879: 104, pl. 17, fig. 3.- Whitelegge, 1889: 41.- Bartlett, 1907: 42.- Ritchie, 1911: 845.- Bale, 1915: 269.- Briggs, 1918: 34, 37.- Bale, 1924: 248.- Trebilecock, 1928: 23, pl. 7, figs. 5, 5a.- Leloup, 1932: 160.- Blackburn, 1938: 319.- Blackburn, 1942: 114.- Hodgson, 1950: 23, figs. 41-42.- Pennycuik, 1959: 197.

Amphisbetia minima - Stechow, 1925: 230, fig. K.- Millard, 1958: 183.- Ralph, 1961: 774, fig. 8a-h.- Ralph, 1961: 236.- Ralph, 1966: 159.- Shepherd & Watson, 1970: 140.- Watson, 1973: 179.- Millard &

Bouillon, 1974: 7.- Millard, 1975: 250, fig. 82H-K.- Watson, 1982: 98, fig. 4.9a, b, pl. 9.3. - Staples & Watson, 1987: 218.- Harris, 1990: 229, fig. 11.4b-d.- Watson, 1994: 67.- Watson, 1996: 78.- Watson & McInnes, 1999: 111.

Nemella minima Stechow, 1921: 259. - Stechow, 1923: 202.

Specimens examined

SAM H11346, depths 21 m and 37 m (dredge), coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Infertile colonies on thalli of *Sargassum* from shallow water and from dredged sample.

Distribution

Very common in southern Australia. Circumglobal in temperate waters..

Amphisbetia maplestonei (Bale, 1884)

Sermularia maplestonei Bale, 1884: 70, pl. 6, fig. 4, pl. 19, fig. 2.- Bartlett, 1907: 42.- Bale, 1914a: 16.- Bale, 1915: 276.- Jäderholm, 1917: 17, pl. 2, figs 4-5.- Blackburn, 1942: 113.- Hodgson, 1950: 28, fig. 49.

Amphisbetia maplestonei - Stechow, 1921: 258.- Stechow, 1923: 199.- Shepherd & Watson, 1970: 140.- Watson, 1973: 178.- Millard, 1975: 249, fig. 82A-E.

Specimens examined

SAM H11348, depth 9-27 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Fertile colonies on sponges on vertical walls in cavern, on thalli of coarse red alga and on drifted dead stems of the seagrass *Amphibolis antarctica*. Stems pinnate, to 125 mm high, reddish in colour.

Distribution

Southern Australia: South Atlantic, South Africa, Madagascar.

Amphisbetia olsenii Watson, 1973

Amphisbetia olsenii Watson, 1973: 179, figs 34-37.- Watson, 1979: 234.- Stranks, 1993: 17.- Watson, 1996: 78.

Specimens examined

SAM H11347, depth 18 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Colony on tough-textured sponge on vertical surface and on the ascidian *Herdmania momus*.

Stems to 5 mm high, sparsely branched; one stem fertile.

Distribution

Southern Australia.

Syntheciidae Marktanner-Furneretscher, 1890
Hicksella cylindrica (Bale, 1888)

Sermularia cylindrica Bale, 1888: 765, pl. 16, fig. 7.- Ritchie, 1911: 847.- Stechow, 1923: 150.- Fraser, 1944: 234, pl. 48, fig. 216.

Hicksella cylindrica - Blackburn, 1937: 173, fig. 2.- Pennycuik, 1959: 198.- Vervoort, 1959: 245, figs. 18, 19a.- Vervoort, 1968: 101.- Millard, 1975: 232.- Millard, 1978: 194.- Watson, 1979: 234.- Calder, 1993: 68.- Vervoort, 1993: 193.- Watson & McInnes, 1999: 108, fig. 4C.

Specimens examined

SAM H11349, depth 9 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Several sparse, small infertile stems on stem of aglaophenid hydroid.

Distribution

Subtropical and temperate Australian east and southern coasts, Indonesia, Japan, Caribbean Sea, South Africa.

Kirchenpaueriidae Millard, 1962

Pyrenotheca Stechow, 1919
Pyrenotheca producta (Bale, 1882)

Plumularia producta Bale, 1882: 39, pl. 15, fig. 3.- Bale, 1884: 133, pl. 10, fig. 4.- Stranks, 1993: 13.

Aergonion producta - Whitelegge, 1889: 193.- *Pyrenotheca producta* - Stechow, 1919: 111.- Pennycuik, 1959: 156.- Shepherd & Watson, 1970: 140.- Watson, 1973: 182.- Watson, 1992: 220.- Watson, 1994: 67.- Watson, 1996: 79.- Watson, 1997: 527.

Specimens examined

SAM H11376, depth 16 m, SAM H11377, depth 20 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

A large female colony (SAM H1376) on leaves of the seagrass *Posidonia angustifolia*. Stems to 8 mm high, given off regularly from a broad, flattened hydrorhiza. Median inferior nematotheca monothalamic with small, upturned terminal rostrum. Gonothecae large, one or two at base of

stem, underside adherent to substrate, gonophore containing many ova. Colour of colony honey brown; may be due to chemical changes in preservative.

A sparse infertile colony (SAM H1377) on soft-textured red alga. Stems to 10 mm high, given off irregularly from a tunnel-shaped hydrorhiza. Median inferior nematotheca monothalamic but lacking terminal rostrum.

The presence or absence of the terminal rostrum of the median inferior nematotheca may be a response to environmental conditions or an indicator of incipient speciation. Due to morphological variation over their geographic range and habitat, the taxonomic status of the three nominal species of *Pycnotheca* (*P. mirabilis*, *P. producta*, *P. biseptata*) requires elucidation.

Distribution

Southern Australia.

Plumulariidae L. Agassiz, 1862

Plumularia filicantlis Kirchenpauer, 1876

Plumularia filicantlis Kirchenpauer, 1876: 47, pl. 5, fig. 6.- Bartlett, 1907: 42. - Mulder & Trebilcock, 1909: 34. - Mulder & Trebilcock, 1916: 80, pl. 10, figs 6a, 6b, pl. 11, figs 3-3a. - Bale, 1919: 341. - Leloup, 1932: 160. - Hodgson, 1950: 42, fig. 72. - Shepherd & Watson, 1970: 140. - Millard & Bouillon, 1974: 9. - Millard, 1975: 390, fig. 12311-L. - Watson, 1975: 170. - Watson, 1982: 107, fig. 4.11i, j. - Rho & Park, 1986: 10, fig. 3a-e, pl. 1, fig. e. - Antsulevich, 1987: 115, fig. 33. - Staples & Watson, 1987: 218. - Park, 1990: 84. - Park, 1992: 295. - Hirohito, 1995: 273, fig. 93a-d. - Watson, 1996: 79. - Watson, 1997: 533. - Gravier-Bonnet, 1999: 80.

Heteroplon filicaule - Stechow, 1923: 232.

Plumularia filicantlis var. *indivisa* - Bartlett, 1907: 42. - Watson, 1992: 22.

Specimen examined

SAM H1354, depth 37 m (dredge), coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

A small, infertile colony on thallus of *Sargassum*. Plumose and simple stems given off from hydrorhiza. Colour white.

Distribution

Southern Australia, South Africa, Chile, Madagascar, Japan.

Monotheca Nutting, 1900

Monotheca compressa (Bale, 1882)

Plumularia compressa Bale, 1882: 42, pl. 15, fig. 5.- Bale, 1884: 142, pl. 12, figs 9,10, pl. 29, figs 39, 40.- Whitelegge, 1889: 193.- Bartlett, 1907: 42. - Mulder & Trebilcock, 1916: 77, pl. 10 figs 5, 5a. - Blackburn, 1938: 316. - Blackburn, 1942: 108.- Stranks, 1993: 9.

Monotheca compressa - Stechow, 1921: 230. - Stechow, 1925: 243. - Watson, 1996: 78.

Specimen examined

SAM H1374, depth 17-18 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Large female colonies on leaves of the seagrass *Posidonia angustifolia*. Hydrorhiza broad and flat, running parallel to venation of seagrass leaves. Stems to 5 mm high, older stems brown in colour; younger stems white. Gonothecae much larger than hydrothecae, usually borne singly on pedicel near base of stem, held out perpendicular to stem and almost recumbent to substrate; aperture large, facing upwards, plane of aperture parallel to gonothechal axis.

Distribution

Southern Australia. The record from India (Leloup, 1932) is doubtful.

Monotheca australis (Kirchenpauer, 1876)

Plumularia obliqua var. *australis* Kirchenpauer, 1876: 49, pl. 6, fig. 10.

Plumularia australis - Bartlett, 1907: 42. - Mulder & Trebilcock, 1916: 77, pl. 10, figs 1-1b. - Bedot, 1921: 26.- Stechow, 1921: 260.- Blackburn, 1938: 316.- Blackburn, 1942: 108.- Watson, 1973: 189.- Staples & Watson, 1987: 218.- Watson, 1992: 220.

Monothecella australis - Stechow, 1923: 13.

Specimens examined

SAM H1375, depth 17 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Abundant female colonies on the seagrass *Amphibolis antarctica*. Hydrorhiza broad, strap-like, turning up the seagrass leaves; stems to 4 mm high, given off regularly from hydrorhiza. Gonothecae much larger than hydrothecae, borne singly or in pairs near base of stem; pedicel perpendicular to stem with gonotheca almost recumbent to substrate; body elongate, with upward facing orifice on long neck. Colour of stems white.

In infertile material, *Monotheca australis* is difficult to distinguish from *Monotheca compressa*, the only reliable character being the somewhat more

rounded abcauline wall of the hydrothecae in the former species, compared with a more sinuate outline in the latter species. Separating the two is simpler in fertile material; although the gonothecae are of the same general shape and reeminent habit, that of *M. australis* is more slender than that of *M. compressa*.

It is noteworthy that these two very similar species are both seagrass epiphytes, occurring in two closely adjacent habitats. However the possibility that the difference in size of the gonothecae is a sexual difference in a single species is not tenable, as in this instance colonies from both habitats are female. Nevertheless, *M. compressa* and *M. australis* probably represent active sympatric speciation in two closely related habitats.

Distribution

Southern Australia. A record from India (Leloup, 1932) is doubtful.

Monotheeca flexuosa (Bale, 1894)

Plumularia flexuosa Bale, 1894: 115, pl. 5, figs 6-10. - Bartlett, 1907: 42. - Mulder & Trebileock, 1916: 78. - Blackburn, 1938: 315. - Shepherd & Watson, 1970: 140. - Watson, 1973: 187.

Plumularia (Monotheeca) flexuosa - Stechow, 1925: 246.

Monotheeca flexuosa - Stechow, 1921: 260. - Hirohito, 1974: 37, fig. 17. - Watson, 1996: 78. - Watson, 2000: 48, fig. 37A-B.

Specimens examined

SAM 111350, depth 37 m (dredge), coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

An infertile colony with stems to 3 mm high on the red alga *Myctidium cernosa*. The habit of *Monotheeca flexuosa* when associated with this alga is unusual as the hydroid stolons penetrate the outer medulla of the alga, giving rise to external stems (Watson 1973).

Distribution

Tropical and temperate Australia; Japan.

Monotheeca obliqua (Johnston, 1847)

Plumularia obliqua Johnston, 1847: 106, pl. 28, fig. 1. - Bartlett, 1907: 43. - Idéerholm, 1919: 22, pl. 5, fig. 6. - Stechow, 1919: 113. - Blackburn, 1938: 315. - Blackburn, 1942: 108. - Hodgson, 1950: 39, fig. 68. - Pennycuik, 1959: 180. - Watson, 1973: 189. - Millard, 1975: 396, fig. 125A-B. - Watson, 1979: 234. - Boero & Fresi, 1986: 145. - Roea, 1987: 151. - Gili, Vervoort & Pages, 1989: 89, fig. 17A. - Park,

1992: 294. - Cornelius, 1995: 142, fig. 33. - Watson & Melnes, 1999: 111.

Monotheeca obliqua - Stechow, 1923: 17. - Leloup, 1932: 160. - Yamada, 1959: 78. - Rho & Park, 1986: 99. - Ryland & Gibbons, 1991: 538, fig. 9. - El Beshbeshy, 1995: 404. - Medel & López-González, 1996: 202. - Watson, 1996: 78. - Watson, 1997: 529.

Specimens examined

SAM 111351, depth 37 m (dredge), coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Abundant infertile colonies on thallus of *Sargassum*. Stems to 5 mm high, arising at regular intervals from a flat, strap-like hydrorhiza. Colour, white.

Distribution

Subtropical and temperate Australia; North Atlantic; Pacific; Japan; Mediterranean Sea.

Monotheeca spinulosa (Bale, 1882)

Plumularia spinulosa Bale, 1882: 42, pl. 15, fig. 8. - Bale, 1884: 139, pl. 12, figs 11, 12. - Bale, 1888: 783. - Bartlett, 1907: 43. - Briggs, 1918: 34, 43. - Blackburn, 1937: 368. - Blackburn, 1942: 116. - Pennycuik, 1959: 180. - Ralph, 1961: 109. - Millard, 1962: 301. - Millard, 1966: 494. - Watson, 1973: 188, figs 54, 55. - Millard, 1975: 401, fig. 125E-J. - Millard, 1978: 196.

Plumularia (Monotheeca) spinulosa - Stechow, 1925: 246. - Stechow, 1921: 260. - Stechow, 1923: 17. - Leloup, 1932: 160. - Watson, 1996: 78. - Watson, 1997: 529. - Watson & Melnes, 1999: 111.

Specimens examined

SAM 111352, depth 18-27 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Sparse infertile colony on the ascidian *Herdmania monitis*.

Distribution

Southern Australia; South Africa; South Atlantic; New Zealand; Japan.

Haloperididae Millard, 1962

Autonella campauliformis (Mulder & Trebileock, 1909)

Autonella campauliformis Mulder & Trebileock, 1909: 31, pl. 1, figs 6, 9, 10. - Mulder & Trebileock, 1911: 115. - Bedot, 1917: 125. - Watson, 1973: 182, figs 43, 44. - Watson, 1975: 170-

Schuchert, 1997: 24, fig. 7. - Watson, 1994: 67. - Watson, 1996: 78. - Ansm Agis *et al.*, 2001: 135, figs 61-62.

Specimen examined

SAM I11366, depth 5 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

One fertile colony on red alga in cavern. Stems to 2 mm high, male and female gonothecae on same stem. Colour, yellowish green.

Distribution

Southern Australia; Mediterranean Sea, Spain, Indian Ocean, Canary Islands.

Antennella secundaria (Gmelin, 1791)

Serifaria secundaria Gmelin, 1791: 3856.

Aglaophenia secundaria. Lamouroux, 1824: 19
Plumularia secundaria - Blackburn, 1938: 316.

Antennella secundaria. - Pennyruik, 1959: 176.
Watson, 1973: 183. Millard, 1975: 332. - Ryland & Gibbons, 1991: 525. - Ramil & Vervoort, 1992: 143. - Medel & Vervoort, 1995: 35. - Watson, 1996: 78. - Schuchert, 1997: 14. - Watson, 1997: 522. - Watson, 2000: 45.

Intenella secundaria. Stechow & Müller, 1923: 473.

Specimens examined

SAM I11353, depths 9-27 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Small colonies, stems to 3 mm high, on *Sargassum*, on stem of aglaopheniid hydroid and on the ascidian *Herdmania monos*.

Distribution

Southern to tropical Australia; cosmopolitan, warm temperate to tropical seas.

Gattyia balei (Bartlett, 1907)

Plumularia balei Bartlett, 1907: 65, fig. 1. - Mulder & Trebilecock, 1909: 29, pl. 1 figs 1-3. - Stranks, 1993: 8. - Briggs, 1918: 34, 41, pl. 5, figs 8-10. - Bale, 1919: 344, pl. 17, fig. 6. - Blackburn, 1937: 368.

Gattyia balei - Watson 1973: 186. - Watson, 1996: 78. - Schuchert, 1997: 145, fig. 50. - Gravier-Bonnet, 1998: 123.

Specimens examined

SAM I11367, depths 10-27 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Several small colonies on thalli of brown and red algae. Stems to 7 mm high, one stem fertile. A rare species.

Distribution

Southern Australia.

Aglaopheniidae L. Agassiz, 1862

Aglaophenia curinifera Bale, 1914

Aglaophenia curinifera Bale, 1914a: 181, pl. 38, figs 1, 2. - Bale, 1915: 318. - Bedot, 1921: 341. - Blackburn, 1942: 110. - Stranks, 1993: 9.

Specimen examined

SAM I11355, depth 18 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

A large infertile colony of many stems on vertical rock face. Stems to 150 mm high, plumose, some subdichotomously branched near base, fascicled and hydrocladate proximally, polysiphonic tubes becoming fewer up stem; distal stem region monophonic, hydrocladia long. Colour of colony golden brown.

Distribution

Great Australian Bight.

Aglaophenia divaricata (Busk, 1852)

Plumularia divaricata Busk, 1852: 398.

Aglaophenia divaricata - Whitelegge, 1889: 194. - Bale, 1884: 162, pl. 15, fig. 7, pl. 17, fig. 7. - Bartlett, 1907: 43. - Ritchie, 1911: 866. - Bale, 1915: 309. - Briggs, 1915: 315. - Jäderholm, 1917: 18, pl. 2 fig. 7. - Briggs, 1918: 34, 44. - Nutting, 1927: 232. - Blackburn, 1937: 368. - Blackburn, 1942: 110. - Vervoort, 1946: 341. - Hodgson, 1950: 61, fig. 92. - Ralph, 1966: 159. - Staples & Watson, 1987: 218. - Watson, 1994: 67.

Aglaophenia divaricata var. *divaricata* - Watson, 1982: 110, fig. 4.13a, b.

Thecocarpus divaricatus - Watson, 1973: 194.

Specimen examined

SAM I11357, depths 27 m and 37 m (dredge), coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

An infertile colony of many stems to 150 mm high growing from a common base on stipe of *Sargassum*. Stems lightly fascicled and unbranched proximally, branching of several orders distally, forming a loose canopy of pinnate branches. The dark brownish-

black colour is characteristic of the nominal variety *A. macrocyt.* The taxonomic status of the three nominal varieties of *Aghaphenia divaricata* (*A. macrocyt.*, *A. briggsi*, *A. cystifera*) which are distinguishable only on minor microscopic characters are in need of critical review.

Watson (1973) was mistaken in referring her specimens from Pearson I. to *Thecocarpus*. This is the commonest agapheniid hydroid in southern Australia.

Distribution

Southern Australia and Lord Howe I. A record from the Philippines is doubtful.

Gymnangium ascidiooides (Bale, 1882)

Agaphenia ascidiooides Bale, 1882: 20, pl. 13, fig. 5.

Halicornaria ascidiooides, - Bartlett, 1907: 43.- Jäderholm, 1917: 21, pl. 2, fig. 13.- Briggs, 1918: 34, 43, pl. 6, fig. 3.- Bedot, 1921: 346.- Stechow, 1923: 236.- Shepherd & Watson, 1970: 140.- Watson, 1994: 67.

Specimen examined

SAM H11356, depth 9 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

One small infertile stem and two fertile stem fragments detached from substrate. Stems pinnate, monosiphonic, to 40 mm high. Gonothecae mm-shaped. Colour deep reddish-brown.

Certain authors (e.g. Stechow 1912) synonymised *G. ascidiooides* in *G. arcuatum* (Lamouroux, 1816) but Bale (1913) considered the two species separate. Since the present specimen more resembles Bale's concept of *G. ascidiooides*, especially in having two subopposite hydrocladia per internode, the two species are considered separate.

Distribution

Southern Australia

Gymnangium proliferum (Bale, 1882)

Halicornaria proliferum Bale, 1882: 34, pl. 14, fig. 5.- Bale, 1884: 183, pl. 14, fig. 1, pl. 16, fig. 10.- Whitelegge, 1889: 193.- Bartlett, 1907: 43.- Ritchie, 1911: 858, pl. 85, figs 2-3.- Briggs, 1918: 34, 44.- Bedot, 1921: 348.- Watson 1973: 197.

Gymnangium proliferum. - Stechow, 1923: 237.- Watson, 1982: 114, fig. 4.13h - Watson, 1994: 67

Gymnangium (Haluria) proliferum. - Stechow, 1921: 233.

Specimens examined

SAM H11358, depths 9 m and 27 m (dredge), coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002 material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Fertile and infertile colonies epilithic on vertical rock faces and in caverns. Some colonies comprising simple pinnate stems, others sparsely branched in one plane. Stems monosiphonic, single stems to 120 mm high, branched colonies a little shorter. Colour variable from pale honey yellow to brown.

Distribution

Southern Australia.

Gymnangium humile (Bale, 1884)

Halicornaria humilis Bale, 1884: 182, pl. 13, fig. 8, pl. 16, fig. 6. - Jäderholm, 1917: 21, pl. 2, fig. 12.- Bedot, 1921: 348. - Stranks, 1993: 11.

Halicornaria humilis (?) - Bartlett, 1907: 43.

Gymnangium humile - Stechow, 1923: 237.

Gymnangium (Haluria) humilis - Stechow, 1921: 233.

Specimens examined

SAM H11372, depth 21 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Infertile colony on rock wall comprising a cluster of many stems to 90 mm high. Several stems lightly fascicled near base, polysiphonic tubes running for a short distance up stem. Some stems branched sub dichotomously near base, all stems pinnate, hydrocladia rather short. Stems pale brown, hydrocladia fawn.

In microscopical detail *Gymnangium humile* closely resembles *Gymnangium proliferum* (Bale, 1882). It can be distinguished from that species by the smaller lateral nematothecae with more forwardly pointing orifice and the long, rather slender, fawn-coloured hydrocladia. Bale (1884) described a small specimen of *G. humile* approximately 10 mm high, epizoic on several larger species of *Gymnangium*, considering its habit "very similar to the parasite form of *G. longirostris*". *G. longirostris* has two habits - a small epizoic form living on other species of *Gymnangium* and larger, independent colonies (Watson, pers. obs.). If *G. humile* is found to have similar habit, the two species may need to be united.

Distribution

Southern Australia

Gymnangium superbe (Bale, 1882)

Aglophenia superba Bale, 1882: 31, pl. 13, fig. 4
Hollebornia superba - Bale, 1884: 175, pl. 12, fig. 1, pl. 16, fig. 4.- Bartlett, 1907: 43.- Bale, 1913: 145.- Bale, 1915: 324.- Briggs, 1915: 312.- Bedot, 1921: 348.- Hodgson, 1950: 53, fig. 85.

Gymnumium superbum - Stechow, 1923: 237.- Blackburn, 1942: 109.- Watson, 1982: 112, fig. 4.12, pl. 12.5.- Watson, 1994: 67.

Specimens examined

SAM 111359, depth 18 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

A colony of many stems arising from a common hydrorhiza on rock wall. Colony infertile, stems gracefully plumose, lax, monosiphonic, unbranched, up to 120 mm high. Hydrocaulus brown, hydrocladia pale yellowish-green. The species is characterised by its graceful habit, pale colour and tendency to exclude meniscus upon collection (Watson, pers. obs.)

Distribution

Southern Australia

Campanulariidae, Johnston, 1837

Silkenaria undulata (Mulder & Trebileock, 1914)

Mulder & Trebileock, 1914: 10, pl. 2, figs 5-7.- Bale, 1914b: 89.- Bale, 1919: 327.- Blackburn, 1938: 324.- Blackburn, 1942: 105.- Ralph, 1956: 293.- Blaneo, 1967: 221.- Watson, 1992: 220, 221.- Watson, 1994: 154, fig. 3A-E.- Watson, 1996: 78.

Specimens examined

SAM 111370, depth 17 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Infertile colonies on leaves of the seagrass *Amphibolis antarctica*. *S. undulata* is a common epiphyte of *A. antarctica*.

Distribution

Southern Australia

Orthopyxis caliculata (Hincks, 1853)

Campanularia caliculata Hincks, 1853: 178, pl. 5, fig. 5.- Hincks, 1868: 164, pl. 31, fig. 2.- Whitlegg, 1889: 195.- Picard, 1952: 346.

Orthopyxis caliculata - Bale, 1914b: 74, pl. 11, fig. 1, pl. 12, fig. 1.- Stechow, 1923: 7.- Bale, 1924: 232.- Bale, 1934: 273.- Hodgson, 1950: 7, figs 4-16.- Ralph, 1957: 838, fig. 6a-f.- Pennyken, 1959: 172.- Riedl, 1959: 633.- Yamada, 1965: 361.- Ralph, 1966: 158.- Blaneo, 1967: 262.- Shepherd & Watson, 1970,

94: 140.- Watson, 1975: 158.- Watson, 1994: 67.- Watson & Melnes, 1999: 111.

Campanularia caliculata var. *macrogona* Von Lendenfeld, 1885: 922.

Orthopyxis macrogona Bale, 1914b: 77, pls 11, 12, fig. 2.

Encopella caliculata - Fraser, 1911: 36.- Fraser, 1944: 146, pl. 26 fig. 119.- Hirohito, 1969: 6, fig. 6.

Campanularia caliculata var. *macrogona* - Bartlett, 1907: 42.- Hilgendorf, 1911: 540.

Specimens examined

SAM 111360, depth 27 m, coll. J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

A richly fertile colony on thallus of *Sargassum* growing on a rock face. Hydrorhiza reptant on algal frond; stolons and hydrotheecal pedicels smooth. Gonothecae recumbent to substrate; gonophores eumedusoid in structure

Distribution

Southern Australia, New Zealand

Orthopyxis crenata (Hartlaub, 1901)

Encopella crenata Hartlaub, 1901: 364, pl. 22, figs 27-31, 33-35.- Hirohito, 1969: 7, fig. 7.

Orthopyxis crenata - Bale, 1924: 232, fig. 3.- Stechow, 1925: 210.- Trebileock, 1928: 3.- Bale, 1934: 273.- Picard, 1958: 191.- Pennyken, 1959: 172.- Ralph, 1961: 189.- Leloup, 1974: 17, fig. 15.- Cornelius, 1982: 58, fig. 5.- Gil et al., 1989: 23.- Cornelius, 1992: 257.- Boero & Bouillon, 1993: 265.- Peña Cantero, 1995: 479, pl. 61, fig. e.- Medel & López-González, 1996: 207.- Migotto, 1996: 123.- Watson, 1996: 78.- Ramil & Ansín Agis, 1998: 201.- Medel & Vervoort, 2000: 58, fig. 13a.

Orthopyxis crenata f. *crenata* - Ralph, 1957: 838, fig. 65g-v.

Campanularia crenata - Picard, 1951: 261.- Millard & Bouillon, 1973: 47, fig. 6B-L.- Millard, 1975: 204, fig. 68A-E.- Boero, 1981: 182.- Hirohito, 1995: 53, fig. e-k.

Specimens examined

SAM 111361, depth 27 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

A sparingly fertile colony with immature gonothecae on thallus of red coralline alga on rock wall. Stolons tubular, hydrotheecal large and squarish in shape with weakly crenulate margin; pedicels completely corrugated.

The names *Orthopyxis* (for campanulariid

hydroids with a compressed hydrotheca) and *Campanularia* (those with radially symmetrical hydrotheca) are often loosely applied to these genera, leading to much systematic confusion. Schuchert (2001) rightly pointed out that *Campanularia crenata* Allman, 1876 with a campanulate hydrotheca is a different species from *Orthopyxis crenata* (Hartlaub, 1901).

Distribution

Cosmopolitan.

Campanularia gaussica Stechow, 1923

Campanularia gaussica Stechow, 1923; 102, fig. K.- Leloup, 1960; 232, fig. 5.- Watson, 1973; 162, fig. 3.- Watson, 1994; 67.

Specimens examined

SAM H1362, depth 9 m, coll: J.I. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

A sparingly fertile colony of several stems on the ascidian *Herdmania momus*. Hydrothecal pedicels to 4 mm high.

Distribution

Southern Australia, Antarctica and Kerguelen I.

Campanularia mytilensis sp. nov.

Fig. 2A-E

Campanularia groenlandica Levinsen, 1893 - Hirohito, 1995; 54, fig. 16a-b.

Specimens examined

SAM H1368, holotype, fertile colony on lower stem of *Gymnangium* sp., depth 27 m (dredge), coll: J.I. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved. M.V.P., paratype, fertile colony on test of the ascidian *Herdmania momus*, depth 18 m, coll: J.I. Watson, Feb. 2002, all material alcohol preserved.

Description (of holotype and paratype)

Colonies stolonial, stolons tubular, reticulating, giving off hydrothecae and gonothecae at irregular intervals. Hydrothecal pedicels long, cylindrical, slender, of same diameter as hydrorhizal stolons, perisarc smooth; base of pedicel with several indistinct annulations, pedicels thereafter mostly smooth but some faintly annulated in distal region; some with regeneration nodes. Pedicel ending in a flattened shoulder supporting a bun-shaped spherule below hydrotheca. Hydrotheca radially symmetrical, narrowly campanulate, with a narrow basal chamber and diaphragm marked by a distinct annular

thickening of wall; hydrotheca thereafter widening gradually to margin. Margin with 8-12 rounded cusps, embayments between deep, of same size and shape as cusps. Hydranth with 16-20 tentacles. Gonothecae arising singly from hydrorhiza on a short, stout, deeply corrugated pedicel of up to four segments. Gonotheca ovoid when young, widening distally near maturity, body smooth, distal end a low opercular dome, aperture circular, small, sometimes slightly displaced to one side; a small submarginal collar of perisarc. Gonophore large, occupying much of gonotheca; no internal structures visible but sex probably male. Perisarc moderately thick throughout, thinning a little towards hydrothecal margin. Hydrocaulus and gonotheca colourless, hydrorhiza, hydranths and gonophores white.

Measurements (μm)

Hydrotheca		
Length of pedicel	1,862	4,110
Diameter of pedicel	70	90
Diameter of spherule	86	98
Diameter at diaphragm	133	140
Depth: diaphragm to margin	687	751
Diameter at rim	411	506
Height of marginal cusps	59	70
Distance between cusps	47	51
Gonotheca		
Length of pedicel	134	174
Diameter of pedicel	70	78
Maximum length excluding pedicel	627	784
Maximum diameter	353	372
Diameter of aperture	142	150

Remarks

The abundant gonothecae contain large, probably male gonophores. The hydrothecae are deeply campanulate with a variable number of marginal cusps. Hydrothecae slightly flattened during mounting give a false impression of width.

In many respects *Campanularia mytilensis* matches *Campanularia mollis* Stechow, 1919 but differs from that species in its smoother pedicel, larger hydrothecae with longer marginal cusps and larger gonothecae. Schuchert (2001) doubted *Campanularia groenlandica* Levinsen, 1893 from Japan (see Hirohito 1995) is that species. Hirohito's figure and dimensions (extracted from his figure) shows that his material is *Campanularia mytilensis*.

Clyta hemisphaerica (Linnaeus, 1767)

Medusa hemisphaerica Linnaeus, 1767: 1098.

Clyta hemisphaerica - Millard, 1966: 478, fig. 14A-F.- Millard & Bouillon, 1974: 5.- Millard, 1975: 217, fig. 72A-D.- Cornelius, 1982: 73, fig. 9.- Watson, 1982: 93, fig. 47k.- Cornelius, 1987: 34, pl. 1, fig. b.- Hughes, 1987: 178.- Vervoort, 1987: 96.- Gibbons & Ryland, 1989: 402, figs 19-21.- Gil, Vervoort & Pagès, 1989: 106, fig. 30B-C.- Calder,

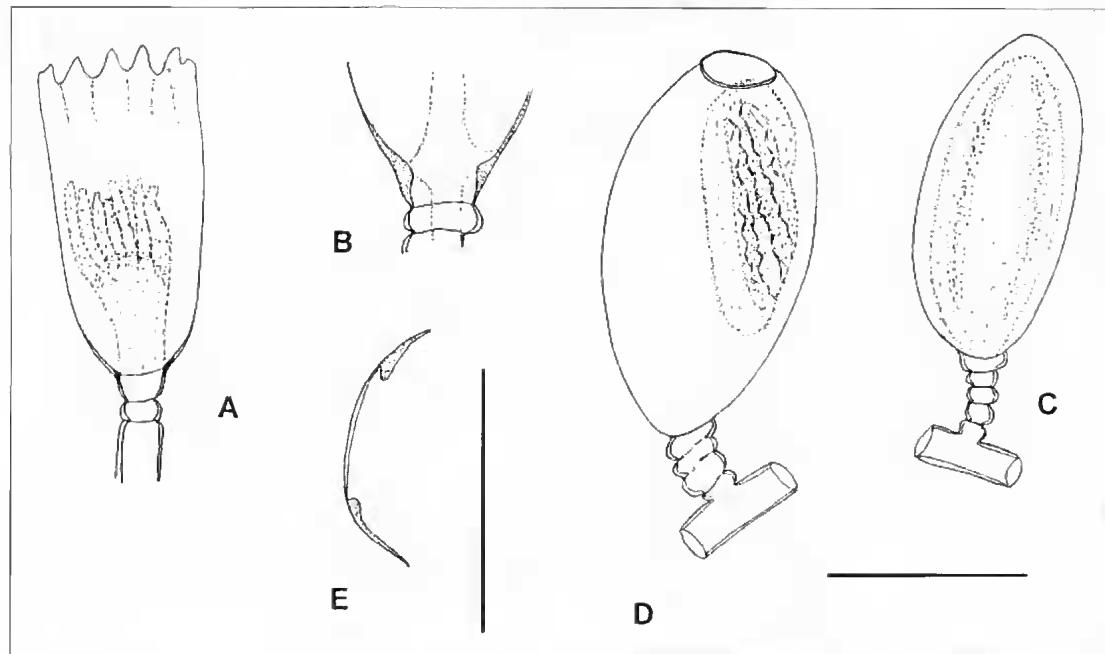


Fig. 2. A-E. *Companularia myrsinivis* sp. nov. A, hydrotheca. B, base of hydrotheca with pedicel and basal chamber. C, immature gonotheca. D, mature gonotheca with gonophore. E, apex of mature gonotheca with operculum and submarginal collar. Scale bar: A, D, C, 0.5 mm; B, E, 0.3 mm.

1991: 2068.- Cornelius, 1992: 254, 257.- Pagès, Gili & Bouillon, 1992.- Watson, 1992: 220.- Calder, 1993: 67.- Boero & Bouillon, 1993: 264.- Watson, 1994: 67.- Calder, 1995: 543.- Cornelius, 1995: 252, fig. 57.- El Beshbeeshy, 1995: 314.- Medel & López-González, 1996: 205.- Migotto, 1996: 82, 121, fig. 15 d-f.- Watson, 1996: 78.- Genzano & Zamponi, 1997: 291.- Watson & McInnes, 1999: 111.- Medel & Vervoort, 2000: 34.- Schuchert, 2000: 413.

Clytia ?hemisphaerica - Watson, 1994: 151, fig. 2A-L.

Specimen examined

SAM 111369, depth 10–20 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

A small fertile colony on bryozoan growing on a small sponge on rock wall.

Distribution

Cosmopolitan. A common southern Australian species.

Obelia ?spinulosa Bale, 1894

Companularia (?) bispinosa Bale, 1894: 756, pl. 12, figs 5-7.

Obelia spinulosa - Annandale, 1915: 106, fig. 9.- Gravely, 1919: 396.- Billard, 1927: 333, fig. 2.- Leloup, 1932: 155, pl. 17, figs 6, 6a, text figs 24, 25.- Picard, 1950: 192.

Laomedea spinulosa Leloup, 1933: 11, 22.

Laomedea (Obelia) spinulosa. - Rees & Thursfield, 1965: 93.

Specimens examined

SAM 111363, depth 10–20 m, coll: J.E. Watson, Feb. 2002, material alcohol preserved.

Remarks

Abundant fertile colonies infesting a purple soft-textured digitate sponges among boulders. Colonies fragile, collapsing out of fluid. Hydrorhiza tubular, loosely adherent to surface of sponge, perisarc of stolons attached to spicules protruding from the surface of the sponge. Colonies comprising single hydrothecae arising on short pedicels from hydrorhiza, interspersed with erect stems to 4 mm high bearing several alternate hydrothecae. Gonothecae top-shaped, arising from hydrorhiza or beside hydrothecal pedicels on erect stems; gonophores containing several developing medusae.

In most respects, especially in overall dimensions, the present specimen resembles *O.*

spinulosa but there is no evidence of incipient fasciculation as described by Bale. I therefore doubtfully assign it to that species and accordingly, have inserted a "?" preceding the species name. It is unclear why Bale (1894 p. 756) also inserted a "?" before the specific name of *O. spinulosa*. It should also be noted that the figured specimen of *O. spinulosa* is erroneously named "*bispinosa*" (Bale 1894, pl. 12, figs 5-7).

Distribution

Australia and southern India. Type locality, Port Jackson, New South Wales, Pacific and Indian Oceans.

Notes on Ecology

Exposure to wave action, the very dense algal forest extending from low water mark to a depth of 25 m and grazing activities of fish have presumably all contributed to the relatively sparse, predominantly cryptic hydroid assemblage.

Hydroid species and their substrates are listed in Table 1. Several small red algae are the preferred substrate for most species (13 occurrences) and the holdfasts, stipes and thalli of the brown kelp *Sargassum* provided substrate for others (11 occurrences). The solitary ascidian *Herdmania*

TABLE 1. Hydroid species and their substrates. St Francis Island, South Australia.

Species	<i>H. monius</i>	Sponge	Other	Hydroid	<i>Sargassum</i>	Alga	Seagrass	Epithic
<i>Ralpharia magnifica</i>								
<i>Eudendrium ?currumbense</i>	+	+						
<i>Solanderia fuscus</i>								
<i>Filellum antarcticum</i>								
<i>Hydrodendron arnatum</i>					+			
<i>Hydrodendron australe</i>			+					
<i>Hydrodendron daidatum</i>								
<i>Halecia delicatulum</i>	+	+			+	+		
<i>Halecia sp.</i>						+		
<i>Stercotheca elongata</i>	+							+
<i>Phryscophorus macrocyathus</i>	+							
<i>Parascyphus simplex</i>						+		
<i>Dynamena quadridentata</i>				+		+		
<i>Symplectoscyphus subdichotomus</i>								
<i>Symplectoscyphus epizoicus</i>								
<i>Sertularella avirilia</i>					+			
<i>Sertularella pinnata</i>								
<i>Sertularella robusta</i>	+		+			+		
<i>Amphisbeta minima</i>								
<i>Amphisbeta maplestoneyi</i>		+						
<i>Amphisbeta olseni</i>	+	+						
<i>Hmekella cylindrica</i>								
<i>Pycnotheca producta</i>								
<i>Plumatilla filicaulis</i>						+		
<i>Monotheca australis</i>								-
<i>Monotheca compressa</i>								
<i>Monotheca flexuosa</i>								+
<i>Monotheca obliqua</i>								
<i>Monotheca spinulosa</i>	+							
<i>Antennella campanulaformis</i>								
<i>Antennella secundaria</i>	+							
<i>Gatty balei</i>								
<i>Aglaophenia curtipera</i>								+
<i>Aglaophenia divaricata</i>								
<i>Gymnangium ascidioides</i>				+				
<i>Gymnangium proliferum</i>								
<i>Gymnangium hirsutum</i>								
<i>Gymnangium superbum</i>								
<i>Silenaria undulata</i>								
<i>Orthopixys calciculata</i>								
<i>Orthopixys crenata</i>								
<i>Campanularia gansica</i>								
<i>Campanularia myrsinifolia</i> sp. nov.					+			
<i>Clytia hemisphaerica</i>								
<i>Obelia ?spinulosa</i>								
Total Records	11	6	4	5	11	13	6	6

mumus was the most favoured invertebrate substrate, its large leathery test providing habitat for many smaller hydroid species (11 occurrences). Leaves of the seagrasses *Posidonia angustifolia* and *Amphibolis antarctica* were colonised by a suite of small plumulariids (*Pycnopheca producta*, *Monotheeca australis*, *Monotheeca compressa*), and one campanulariid, *Siliculaaria undulata*. Larger aglaopheniid species were predominantly epilithic, usually growing in clusters of several to many stems in sheltered caverns and on rock walls. An exception was *Aglaophenia divaricata* recovered from the holdfast of *Sargassum* in deeper water. As hydroids often favour sponges as substrate it was surprising that there were so few records (6 occurrences). This lack of sponge-epizoic relationship may be attributable to the collection being chiefly from a shallow water, algal dominated habitat. The hydroid fauna from deeper reefs below the algal zone, not sampled in this survey, are likely to include the larger species usually from sponge

and other invertebrate substrates. Six small hydroid species were epizootic on larger aglaopheniid hydroids, this being a favoured, and in some cases, obligate association (e.g. *Symplectoscyphus epizoicus*).

Twenty-one species representing 48% of the shallow water fauna are endemic to Australia, most being restricted in distribution to temperate and cool temperate southern Australia. Thirteen species (30%) have a southern hemisphere distribution and four species (9%) are cosmopolitan.

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